



9:30 am Worship Service
March 10, 2024

Reformed Presbyterian Church exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life.

Today's speaker: Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor

Worship Leader: Phil Weaver, Ruling Elder;

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

I Gave My life for Jesus/

Almost Persuaded/Give Me Thy Heart/ arr. E. Rogers

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

IN WORD

1 Chronicles 16:31-33 (ESV)

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad.

People: **Let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"**

Leader: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

People: **Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them!**

Leader: Let the trees of the forest sing,

People: **Let them sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 263

Lift High the Cross

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Leader: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us admit our brokenness to God. (Psalm 34:18)

People: **O God, you are holy beyond all that we can think or imagine. You are the source of righteousness, the overflowing fountain of goodness. You made us to be in your image in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness. And yet, so often we fail to be wise, righteous, and holy. Please forgive and restore us and through your Spirit conform us to the image of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Hallelujah for the Cross
Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood
God So Loved
How Deep the Father's Love*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(4 years old to 1st grade)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH
COMMITTEE**

Joe Interrante

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

This Is My Father's World/ arr. J. Lucas

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 37 (ESV)

Leader: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

People: **² For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.**

Leader: ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

People: **⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

People: **⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.**

Leader: ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

People: **Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

Leader: ⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

People: **⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

Leader: ¹⁰ In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.

People: **¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.**

Leader: ¹² The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him,

People: **¹³ but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming.**

Leader: ¹⁴ The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright;

People: **¹⁵ their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.**

Leader: ¹⁶ Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked.

People: ¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD upholds the righteous.

Leader: ¹⁸ The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever;

People: ¹⁹ they are not put to shame in evil times; in the days of famine they have abundance.

Leader: ²⁰ But the wicked will perish; the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures; they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.

People: ²¹ The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;

Leader: ²² for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off.

People: ²³ The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way;

Leader: ²⁴ though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.

People: ²⁵ I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.

Leader: ²⁶ He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.

People: ²⁷ Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.

Leader: ²⁸ For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his saints.

People: They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

Leader: ²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

People: ³⁰ The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.

Leader: ³¹ The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.

People: ³² The wicked watches for the righteous and seeks to put him to death.

Leader: ³³ The LORD will not abandon him to his power or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.

People: ³⁴ Wait for the LORD and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off.

Leader: ³⁵ I have seen a wicked, ruthless man, spreading himself like a green laurel tree.

People: ³⁶ **But he passed away, and behold, he was no more; though I sought him, he could not be found.**

Leader: ³⁷ Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace.

People: ³⁸ **But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed; the future of the wicked shall be cut off.**

Leader: ³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

People: ⁴⁰ **The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

SERMON

Perspective
To God Be the Glory, from the Psalms series
Dr. Tim Witmer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **678**

Trusting Jesus

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

263 Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before the throne.

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Hallelujah for the Cross

Up to the hill of Calvary My Savior went courageously
And there He bled and died for me
Hallelujah for the cross...
And on that day the world was changed
A final perfect lamb was slain
Let earth and heaven now proclaim: "Hallelujah for the cross!"

Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross!

What good I've done could never save
My debt too great for deeds to pay
But God, my Savior made a way Hallelujah for the cross...
A slave to sin my life was bound
But all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down Hallelujah for the cross!

Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross!

Instrumental

And when I breathe my final breath
I'll have no need to fear that rest
This hope will guide me into death: Hallelujah for the cross!

Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross!

Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross...
Hallelujah for the cross... Hallelujah for the cross!

Thank you, Jesus, for the Blood

I was a wretch; I remember who I was.
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.

Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,
but from the far side of the chasm,
You held me in your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide,
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside.

There at the cross You paid the debt I owed.
Broke my chains, freed my soul,
For the first time I had hope.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.
You were buried for three days,
but then You walked right out again.

And now death has no sting and life has no end
for I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power of the blood,
the blood
that calls us sons and daughters.
We are ransomed by our Father through the blood,
the blood (repeat)

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

God So Loved

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love (repeat bridge)

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How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son,
And make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss,
The father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen one,
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,
My sin upon his shoulders,
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast of anything
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

678 *Trusting Jesus*

Simply trusting ev'ry day,
trusting through a stormy way;
even when my faith is small, trusting Jesus, that is all.
Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by;
trusting him whate'er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all.

Brightly does his Spirit shine
into this poor heart of mine;
while he leads I cannot fall; trusting Jesus, that is all.
Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by;
trusting him whate'er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all.

Singing if my way is clear, praying if the path be drear;
if in danger, for him call; trusting Jesus, that is all.
Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by;
trusting him whate'er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting him while life shall last,
trusting him till earth be past;
till within the jasper wall, trusting Jesus, that is all.
Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by;
trusting him whate'er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all.